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Unto Their Atlantian Majesties Guillaume Tomas and Alyna, Their Atlantian Highnesses Cuan and Signy, Their Excellencies Wolfgang and Yseult, Baron and Baroness Caer Mear, Lord Hjörr Guðmundsson, Baronial Seneschal, the Officers and the Populace of the Barony of Caer Mear, and all others to whom these letters may come,

From Mestre Tomas de Montroig and Mistress Aelfwynn Gyrthesdohtor,

Greetings!

We hereby submit our Letter of Intent to be considered for, and if appointed to serve the Crown and the Populace of the Barony as, Baron and Baroness of Caer Mear. We have been residents of Caer Mear for 30 years. We are dues-paid members of the Society. We have reviewed Corpora and Kingdom Law, and are confident that we will successfully fulfill our duties and responsibilities if we are appointed. Our many years of experience in the Society have prepared us well to serve as Baron and Baroness.

Mistress Aelfwynn joined the Society in the West Kingdom in 1975, and was a founding member of the College of St. David. She has lived in St. David and the Province of the Mists in the West, and in Caer Mear in Atlantia. She served as the local herald for St. David and the Province of the Mists, was the first Herald for the Principality of the Mists, and then served as Vesper Principal Herald of the West and Batonvert Herald on the staff of the Laurel Sovereign of Arms. She has taught at a number of Collegia and Symposia, and is a Master Instructor of the University of Atlantia. In the West, she was inducted into the Orders of the Leaf of Merit (service), the Rose Leaf (arts), the Laurel, and the Pelican, and was made a Baroness of the Court. In Caer Mear, she has been inducted into the Order of the Pharos (service), the Order of the Bris de Mer (arts), and the Order of Caer Mear.

Mestre Tomas attended his first event in Stierbach during the reign of Jahn and Tuiren. He has lived in Stierbach, where he served as Deputy Everything and as a herald and chirurgion at large, and in Caer Mear, where he served the Kingdom as Clerk of Precedence, Kraken Herald on the Triton staff, Kingdom Chirurgion (twice), and for the past 6 years as seneschal of the College of Yarnvid in Caer Mear. Tomas is a Master Instructor of the University of Atlantia, and an instructor at the University of Tir Righ. He served for a decade as a chirurgion supervisor at the Pennsic War, and now serves very successfully on Pennsic staff as the department head for Disability Transport – a demanding, highly-visible, and politically-sensitive service requiring him to attract, train, organize, and lead a team of 120 volunteers from across the Known World to transport the disabled people of this temporary city for two weeks each year. He has been inducted into the Orders of the Golden Dolphin, the Pearl, the Pelican, and the Laurel, and in Caer Mear into the the Order of the Pharos and the Order of Caer Mear.

Neither of us has served as an officer of the Barony itself. For the first few years after we arrived, we were actively serving at the Kingdom and Society levels. When we retired from those offices, we were both Peers. As Peers, it is our sworn duty to encourage others to like action, and to mentor them in their endeavors. We have made it a priority to give others the opportunity to serve and be recognized.

Aside from a short sabbatical when our children were small and Tomas was a full-time graduate student, we have been active in Caer Mear for as long as we've lived here. We are familiar with the history of the Barony and have supported and advised the Barons and Baronesses. We have served the Barony in many roles, and our dedication and contributions have been recognized by induction into

the Order of Caer Mear. For years we have attended almost every weekly Baronial A&S/fight practice, weekly Yarnvid gather, weekly Baronial archery practice, and monthly Baronial business meeting, devoting two or three evenings and a weekend afternoon to SCA activities every week. We have attended and worked at most of the events hosted by Caer Mear and all its subsidiary groups, often volunteering at gate, as security, heralds, chirurgeon (Tomas), archer marshal (Aelfwynn), and cooks. We travel to and support kingdom events, other branch events, and inter-kingdom events, as work and other commitments allow.

It is human nature for people to draw together by affinities, with groups frequently becoming somewhat insular, and Caer Mear is not immune to this. The arts, heavy fighting, and fencing communities tend to congregate together. With a few exceptions, those who live north of the James River rarely venture out for activities south of the river. One of our goals as Baron and Baroness would be to encourage greater interaction between the various groups in the Barony and foster an even stronger sense of community.

Another of our goals as Baron and Baroness would be to increase the opportunities for members of the populace to be involved in the day to day running of the Barony. An active and engaged populace will maintain the vitality of the Barony. For many years, few members of the general populace have come to the business meetings to participate in the planning process. Our pool of capable and willing event stewards continues to shrink. There was a time when the Barony's business meetings were a time for the populace to gather and interact. We would like to see more people attending the meetings and being involved in the decision-making, and more people coached to successfully steward events.

The Society has always had a difficult time integrating children and keeping their interest. Children are the Society's future, but if we cannot engage them, we will lose them. The Barony is blessed to have a number of children across a range of ages. Now that we have a Youth Minister and a Youth Fighting Marshal, we would encourage and support their efforts in finding ways to engage and retain the interest of the Barony's young people. If they have activities that they enjoy and find satisfying, whether martial activities, arts, or service, they will be more likely to remain active in the Society, or to return to it as adults. Our own children were born and raised in the Barony. Although they were inactive in high school and college, they returned to the Society and are now active in other kingdoms.

We are dedicated to the Barony and would continue to be as Baron and Baroness. We will work with, represent, and support the Barony to the Crown. We will work with, represent, and support the Crown to the Barony. We will represent the Barony to the rest of the Kingdom as often as possible. We will continue to represent the Barony and the Kingdom when we travel abroad. We have determined that during our tenure, wherever we go, there will be a Baronial presence, whether a hospitality table, Baronial sunshade, or full encampment. We will camp with the Barony and provide a welcoming encampment for all members of the populace. The Barony will always have shelter with us.

As Baron and Baroness, we would always work for the best interests of Caer Mear as a whole. We always have. We always will.

Yours in Service, we remain,

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